

**RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER'S EXAMINING COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2002**

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Ballard, RT; Susan Sawyer Evans, RT; U. Nanda Kumar, MD; Rebecca Strike, RT

STAFF PRESENT: Clete Hansen, Division Administrator; Pamela Meicher, Program Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair David Ballard called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m. A quorum of four was present. Clete Hansen distributed a copy the latest roster and asked the Council members to verify their information for accuracy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: David Ballard moved, seconded by Rebecca Strike, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 29, 2002

MOTION: David Ballard moved, seconded by Susan Sawyer Evans, to approve the Minutes of July 29, 2002, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF OXYGEN TO PATIENTS

The Council discussed the dispensing of oxygen. The Pharmacy Examining Board is asserting that if oxygen is a drug, they would need a role to play in dispensing. There was also discussion of industrial versus medical grade oxygen and home care companies dispensing oxygen.

It was agreed upon that the Council needs a clearer understanding of the Pharmacy Examining Boards position. This issue will be an agenda item at the next Council meeting with input from the Pharmacy Examining Board on their position.

REPORT ON NBRC NATIONAL MEETING – DAVE BALLARD

David Ballard gave the report on the NBRC National meeting he attended. David discussed continuing education and the new disciplinary database that is available at no cost. The Council supports the idea of using this database and would like the department to investigate the feasibility of using this data and add this as an agenda item in the future.

David Ballard said that attending this meeting was a great way to meet and network with other regulatory agencies. David thinks council members should rotate attending this meeting. The Council thinks that Deanna Zychowski should also attend the meeting.

DISCUSSION OF RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS PRACTICING PRIOR TO LICENSURE

David O'Connell wanted to know whether a Respiratory care practitioner can continue to work after their license has expired. Tammy Buckingham wanted to know if they could continue to work under supervision. If a respiratory care practitioner is working with a 90 day temporary license, they need to take and pass the exam within that timeframe. If an applicant fails the exam, the temporary license is null and void and they must discontinue practicing. A temporary license may not be renewed.

The Council would like to see the state website clarify issues such as identifying who is a student or an assistant respiratory care practitioner. The Council would also like show what's in the statutes, guidelines for promulgating rules, what are the consequences of working without a license, and describe what the supervision requirements are.

The Council believes that facilities (such as hospitals) need to be educated on Wisconsin licensing and requirements. This issue may require a separate meeting for a detailed discussion.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: David Ballard moved, seconded by Rebecca Strike, to recess to closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(a), (b), (f) and (g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conducting oral examinations. Roll call vote: David Ballard – yes, Susan Sawyer Evans – yes, Nanda Kumar – yes, Rebecca Strike – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 10:18 a.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Susan Sawyer Evans moved, seconded by David Ballard, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 11:37 a.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

ORAL EXAMINATIONS

MOTION: David Ballard moved, seconded by Susan Sawyer Evans, to recommend to the Medical Examining Board to grant a limited license as a respiratory care practitioner to **Donna R. Dupuis**. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: David Ballard moved, seconded by Susan Sawyer Evans, to recommend to the Medical Examining Board to grant a license as a respiratory care practitioner to **Susan Rousch**. Motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATION REVIEW

MOTION: Susan Sawyer Evans moved, seconded by David Ballard, to recommend to the Medical Examining Board to grant a license as a respiratory care practitioner to **Tina Edwards**. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

The Council would like to see the Board Workshop material from the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: David Ballard moved, seconded by Susan Sawyer Evans, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.